



RYAN WALTERS  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Ryan Walters

**DATE:** June 22, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Deregulation for Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption

The following school is requesting exemption from library media certification requirements pursuant to 70 O.S. § 3-126 for the 2023-2024 school year. A certified teacher will be used as the librarian while pursuing library media certification. Approval is recommended.

County	District	Waiver Years
Canadian	Yukon	2 of 2
LeFlore	Cameron	1 of 1

\* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.  
See the attached map.

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Attachments

#### Section 42.8. Requirements for Exemption.

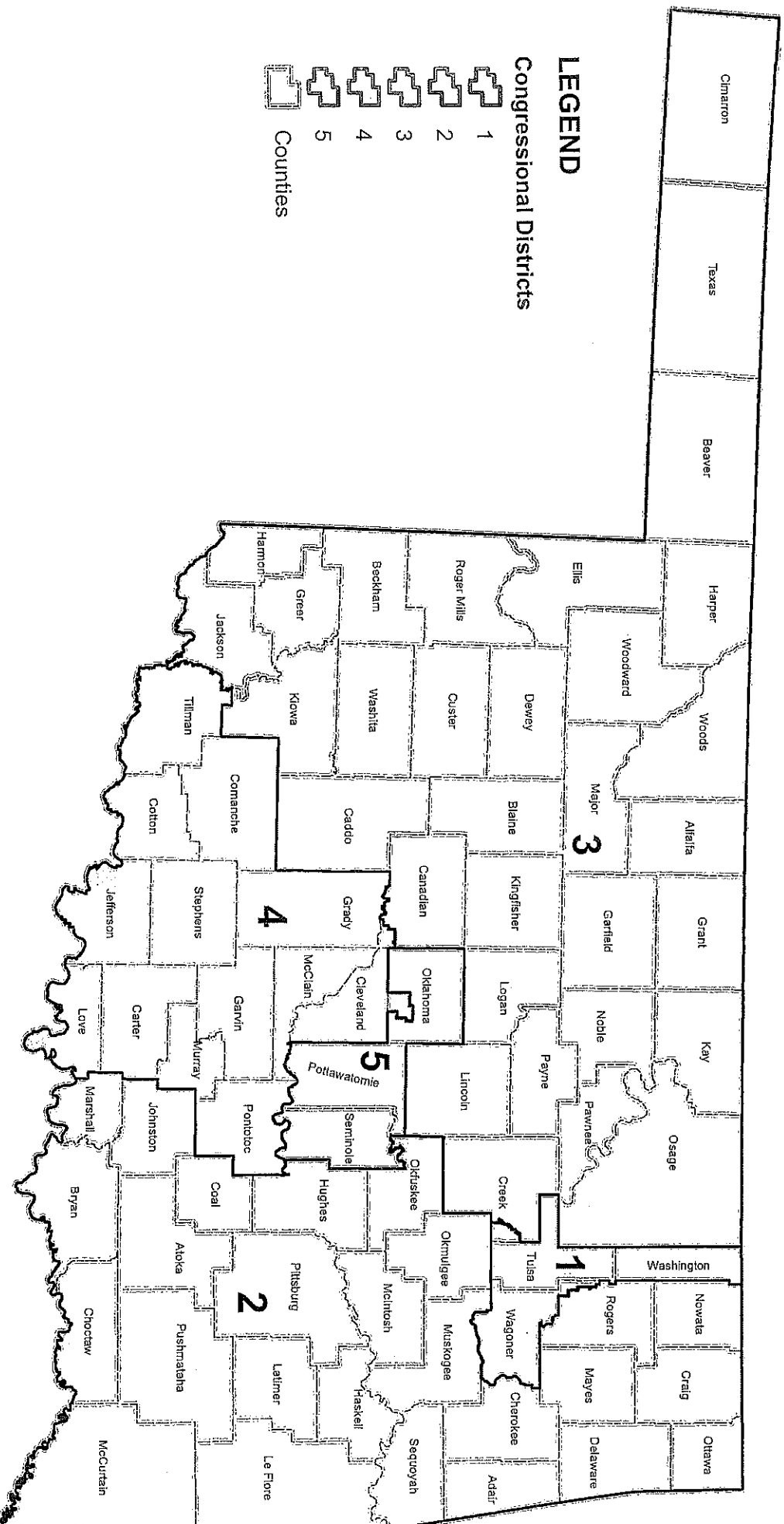
A. A school district may develop an educational improvement plan which includes exemption for the educational-related statutory requirements set forth in subsections C of this section and State Board of Education rules for the school district, a school site or any program, grade level, consortium of schools or school districts or other group within the school district. The board of education of the school district shall, through adoption of a resolution, approve the plan prior to application being made to the State board of Education.

B. Each educational improvement plan approved by the State Board of Education shall include the following components:

1. A description of the educational benefits to be derived;
2. A definition of the standards of the plan;
3. Development of definitive work products, such as site improvement plans and progress reports;
4. Demonstration of collaboration by teachers, administrators, higher education representatives, students, parents/families, and the community;
5. Development and the use of an assessment mechanism to determine progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the plan;
6. Development of an in-service training plan to be provided to personnel at the site who will participate in the project;
7. Report on the results of the plan to the State Board of Education and provision of appropriate technical assistance to other school districts and the State Department of Education as required; and
8. Explanation of how the plan will affect other schools, program or sites in the district.

C. Each educational improvement plan shall include a list of the specific educational-related statutory requirements and State Board of Education rules the school district is requesting an exemption from and why each exemption is necessary to success of the plan. The school district shall not be granted an exemption from federal educational-related requirements. A school district may request an exemption from any statutory requirement or State Board of Education rule not related to bilingual and special education programs, health and safety provisions, school finance, State Aid, pupil formula weights, teacher salary and teacher retirement, the Oklahoma School Testing Program, the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program and the teacher preparation, examination, licensure, certification, residency and professional development system. The State Board of Education may grant district-wide exemptions from certification requirements for Library Media Specialist to districts experiencing a shortage in this area. The State Board of Education may grant an exemption from certification requirements for superintendents to any district with an unweighted average daily membership over twenty-five thousand (25,000). (70-3-126)

# Oklahoma Congressional Districts Elections



## LEGEND

### Congressional Districts

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# SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20<sup>23</sup> – 20<sup>24</sup> school year

Canadian

Yukon Public Schools

COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

600 Maple Street

Yukon

73099

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP CODE

Myers Elementary School

NAME OF SITE



6-6-23

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

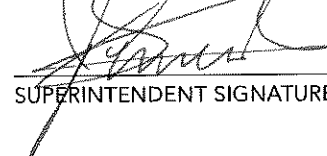
DATE

Dr. Jason Simeroth

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

jason.simeroth@yukonpublicschools.com

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS



6-5-2023

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE\*

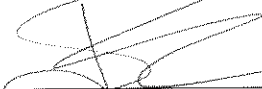
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I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on June 5, 20<sup>23</sup>



BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE\*

NOTARY SEAL →



NOTARY



6/5/2023

DATE

12-14-2025

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived: 7005.33126  
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

\*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.\*\*

## THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION IS REQUESTED FOR:

☒ One Year Only

☐ Three Years\*

\*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

## SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS

2 of 2

### ENROLLMENT

☐ High School

☐ Jr./Middle High

☐ Elementary

9/1/23 District Total

RECEIVED JUN 09 2023

DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. 3-126

OAC

Library Media  
NAME OF WAIVER  
Specialist

**2023-2024 Application for Statutory Waiver for Elsa Fuller**  
**Ralph A. Myers Elementary School Library Media Specialist**  
**Pursuant to 70 O.S. Sec. 3-126**

*A. Reason for the waiver/deregulation request (be specific).*

Our newly hired library media specialist, Elsa Fuller, has not yet received her result of the Oklahoma Subject Area Test to fully certify her as a Library Media Specialist. She has already taken the OSAT on May 2, 2023, and is awaiting results. The results will be in before the start of the new year however, she still lacks two classes and a practicum before her degree is complete. Ms. Fuller has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, completed at East Central University of Oklahoma in December 2021 and is finishing up her second Master's Degree in Library Media from East Central University as well.

After interviewing several candidates, only one candidate was fully certified but had been out of the classroom for almost twenty years. Ms. Fuller has the most recent experience and is very familiar with the Myers library daily routine. Ms. Fuller has also been in the classroom teaching young children for the last thirteen years and understands the needs of children in today's world.

*B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e. a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement.*

Yukon Public Schools has a strong culture of collaboration and strives to build unity among staff and students. Ms. Fuller will have opportunities to meet and collaborate with colleagues monthly. She will be paired with a mentor/buddy for the up and coming 2023/24 school year and will have several opportunities to shadow other district library media specialists in the district. As the library media specialist, she follows the standards identified through the Oklahoma Library Programs and supported by our curriculum team in Yukon.

*C. Educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation, i.e. effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.*

Ms. Fuller will only have a positive impact on Yukon Public Schools. She has not completed her Masters in Library Media but does have a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership with thirteen years in the classroom to back that up. She is very knowledgeable of the Oklahoma State Standards, curriculums, and programs Yukon Public Schools utilizes. Her experience teaching students will also help her better understand what students need from a Library Media Specialist and will only improve our student's overall education. She has already taken her Library Media OSAT and is awaiting the results. She is on track to complete the program in December of 2023

but is already very familiar with library operations. Ms. Fuller is already certified and an experienced classroom teacher with a Masters in Educational Leadership and working on her second in Library Media. She is well educated and ready for this position.

*D. Timeline: (Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary. A waiver/deregulation can only be granted for a one school year period). Note: A School District Empowerment Waiver can be for up to 3 years.*

Ms. Fuller has completed a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She is close to finishing her second Master's in Library Media Specialist and has already taken the OSAT on May 2, 2023. She is still awaiting results. She will complete the two classes this summer and will finish the last practicum she has left, by December 2023.

*E. Any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation.*

There is no cost impact to our district. Ms. Fuller has almost completed her master's degree required to serve as a library- media specialist and has already completed her master's in Educational Leadership. She has already taken her OSAT in Library Media and is awaiting her results.

*F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan.*

Ms. Fuller will be monitored closely and evaluated on her performance as a Library Media Specialist often. Her ability to meet the needs of the staff and students along with meeting district requirements will be monitored and evaluated using the Marzano Teacher Leader Evaluation program. Her attendance of the district monthly library media specialist meetings will also be required and monitored. These meetings are typically led by our Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and district curriculum coordinator team. She will also have regular check-in meetings with the principal to monitor growth and progress. As the media specialist of Myers Elementary she will be responsible for understanding and teaching the suggested standards by the American Association of School Librarians. She will also be expected to collaborate with all grade-level teachers to help support teaching our Academic State Standards and meet the needs of our students through our Library programs. This will all be closely monitored throughout the year.

## Plan your Degree and Schedule your courses

Search for courses...



Schedule

Timeline

Advising

Petitions &amp; Waivers

Add a Term

Remove Planned Courses

Summer 2023

LIBSC-5113-01: School Library Admin I

Credits: 3 Credits



LIBSC-5973-01: Curriculum &amp; the Schl Library

Credits: 3 Credits



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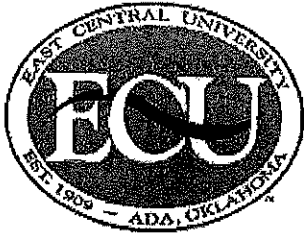
6 Enrolled Credits

Fall 2023LIBSC-5952-01: Prac & Capstone in Lib  
Media

Credits: 2 Credits



2 Planned Credits



East Central University  
1100 E 14<sup>th</sup> St  
Ada, OK 74820-6999  
Tel: 580-332-8000

Elsa Fuller (0252451)

**Summer 2023**

**Planned:** 0 Credits   **Enrolled:** 6 Credits   **Waitlisted:** 0 Credits

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	LIBSC-5113-01: School Library Admin I	6/5/2023 - 7/28/2023	Online Program Course, ECUO	Sharber, Shelli K.
Registered, but not started	LIBSC-5973-01: Curriculum & the Sch Library	6/5/2023 - 7/28/2023	Online Program Course, ECUO	Sharber, Shelli K.



East Central University  
1100 E. 14th St. Ada, OK 74820  
Unofficial Transcript

Name: Fuller, Elsa N.  
ID Number: 0252451  
Grad Ret: 56.00  
Date Printed: 18-May-2023  
Birthdate: 20-Jan-1983

Fall Semester 2020

EDUC 5533	FUNDS OF PUBLIC SCHL ADMIN	A	3.00	12.00
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	Earned	Points	Divisor	GPA
Term	3.00	12.00	3.00	4.00
Grad Retn	3.00	12.00	3.00	4.00

Spring Semester 2021

EDUC 5113	TECHNIQUES OF RESEARCH	D	3.00	3.00
EDUC 5573	PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE	A	3.00	12.00
EDUC 5583	LEGAL ASPECTS OF EDUCATION	A	3.00	12.00
EDUC 5623	THE PRINCIPALSHIP	A	3.00	12.00

	Earned	Points	Divisor	GPA
Term	12.00	39.00	12.00	3.25
Grad Retn	15.00	51.00	15.00	3.40

Summer Semester 2021

EDUC 5113	TECHNIQUES OF RESEARCH	A	3.00	12.00
EDUC 5173	FUNDAMENTALS OF CURRICULUM	A	3.00	12.00
EDUC 5513	SUPERVISION OF INSTRUCTION	A	3.00	12.00

	Earned	Points	Divisor	GPA
Term	6.00	36.00	12.00	3.00
Grad Retn	24.00	87.00	24.00	3.63

Fall Semester 2021

EDUC 5183	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ED	A	3.00	12.00
EDUC 5413	INTRO TO COUNSELING	B	3.00	9.00
EDUC 5832	PRAC & CAPSTONE IN PUB SCH AD	A	2.00	8.00
EDUC 5943	EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADERS	A	3.00	12.00

	Earned	Points	Divisor	GPA
Term	11.00	41.00	11.00	3.73
Grad Retn	35.00	128.00	35.00	3.66

Fall Semester 2022

EDLBS 5913	ADVANCED CHILDREN'S LIT	B	3.00	9.00
EDUC 5003	MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY	B	3.00	9.00
LIBSC 5133	MATERIALS SELECTION	B	3.00	9.00
LIBSC 5923	YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE	A	3.00	12.00

	Earned	Points	Divisor	GPA
Term	12.00	39.00	12.00	3.25
Grad Retn	47.00	167.00	47.00	3.55

Spring Semester 2023

EDUC 5933	SURVEY OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIE	A	3.00	12.00
LIBSC 5213	CATALOG & CLASSIF	A	3.00	12.00
LIBSC 5233	INFORMATION RESOURCES	A	3.00	12.00

	Earned	Points	Divisor	GPA
Term	9.00	36.00	9.00	4.00
Grad Retn	56.00	203.00	56.00	3.63

Summer Semester 2023

LIBSC 5113	SCHOOL LIBRARY ADMIN I	CIP	3.00	0.00
LIBSC 5973	CURRICULUM & THE SCHL LIBRARY	CIP	3.00	0.00

	Earned	Points	Divisor	GPA
Term	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grad Retn	56.00	203.00	56.00	3.63
Cum	56.00	203.00	53.00	3.83
ECU Retn	53.00	200.00	53.00	3.77

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EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Degree Received: Master of Education

Date Conferred.: 12/14/2021

Major.....: Educational Leadership

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End of Transcript

\* Repeat of course

[] Remedial course counted in term only

# Reprieve/Renewal

() Course Credit not counted in earned

% Course forgiven - not counted in RET/GRD statistics

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Yukon Public School District

600 Maple Street

Yukon, OK 73099

Dear Yukon Public School District,

I am currently enrolled in the Library Media Specialist master's program at East Central University. Attached is my unofficial transcript, enrollment documentation, and Program of Study. I have requested my official transcript and am waiting on that to arrive. On May 2, 2023, I took the OSAT and am waiting for those results which should be posted online by June 9<sup>th</sup>.

My intension is to finish my LMS master's degree in December. The following are the remaining courses needed to finish and when they will be taken.

Summer 2023:

LIBSC 5113 School Library Administration I

LIBSC 5973 Curriculum and the School Library

Fall 2023:

LIBSC 5972 Practicum and Capstone in Library Media

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elsa Fuller

June 6, 2023

Accreditation Standards Division  
2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Suite 210  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

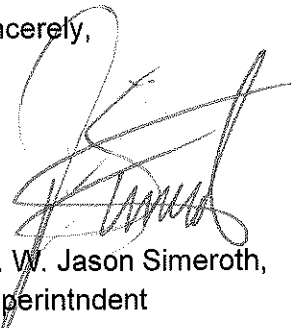
To whom it may concern:

We have received approval from our local school board to request a statutory waiver related to 70 O.S. Section 3-126 for "library media specialist/waive certification only." Elsa Fuller has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and is one year away from her second Master's Degree in Library Media. She has not yet received her result of the Oklahoma Subject Area Test to fully certify her as a Library Media Specialist.

We have interviewed multiple applicants and the qualified applicants to whom we have offered the position denied our offer for employment.

Thank you for the opportunity to employ this wonderful candidate who will have a positive impact on Yukon Public Schools and the students at Myers Elementary more specifically.

Sincerely,



Dr. W. Jason Simeroth,  
Superintendent

**SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION**  
for 20 ~~23~~ - 20 ~~24~~ school year

LeFlore \_\_\_\_\_ Cameron Public School  
COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box 190 \_\_\_\_\_ Cameron \_\_\_\_\_ 74932  
SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SITE \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenn Whithead \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\* \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 5-8-2023

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\* \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\* \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

John Long \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

jlong@camerapns.org \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

John Long \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE\* \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 5-8-2023

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on May 8th, 2023

O DeWard \_\_\_\_\_  
BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE\*

NOTARY SEAL →

Leah Culwell \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 5-8-2023

9/29/2024 \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

**Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:**  
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

\*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.\*\*

**THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION IS REQUESTED FOR:**

☒ One Year Only  
☐ Three Years\*

\*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

**SDE USE ONLY**

PROJECT YEARS  
1 of 1

**ENROLLMENT**

☐ High School  
☐ Jr./Middle High  
☐ Elementary

319 District Total

5/8/2023  
DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. 3-1211

OAC \_\_\_\_\_

Library Media Specialist  
NAME OF WAIVER

- A. Reason for the Deregulation request. Please include circumstances which necessitate changing the standard of library services for your size of school, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied?

Cameron Public School has been advertising for a certified librarian during the 2022-2023 school year. The school hasn't received any applicants during this time. The library will be closed if this waiver is denied because there won't be anyone to monitor the library, order books and supplies, and to restock the shelves. Cameron School currently has a certified teacher that is working on her library media specialist and the school is wanting to move her into the library while she is working on this degree. If this waiver is approved 100% of the student population will benefit.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students and learning achievement and any negative impact if the waiver were to be denied.

Cameron School wants to put this certified teacher that is working towards her library media specialist degree in the library. She is a seasoned teacher with 18 years of experience, and she will be able to run both libraries with the help of an aid. The libraries will be used for testing the students' reading levels and offering books to the students on their reading level. It will also be used to learn library skills and using the interactive education classes on the smart television. The libraries will also be used to do research and help guide the students with term papers and scholarship applications. The libraries will continue to be a resource center for all students and by approving this request the benefits will continue on for the students.

- C. Has this deregulation been awarded before? If so, what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Deregulation, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district. If not, what do you expect?

The educational impact will be positive due to the fact the students' performance levels won't fall off. It will continue to benefit the students' education. By having a library open the entire school will benefit from it.

- D. Timeline: Please submit class schedule, calendars, assessment forms and other attachments as necessary.

School begins August 4, 2023, and will be open 1142 total hours and go 165 days. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:20 p.m. schedules and calendars are attached.

- E. Any financial impact to the district (positive or negative) for the proposed deregulation? If positive, please describe where the available would be reallocated.

The certified teacher will be paid her regular teaching salary of \$46,866.00 a year and the aid will make \$12,980.00 The last librarian made \$47,813.00 and the aid made \$12,980.00 this will still be a savings of \$947.00 that can be put back into the library.

- F. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E. TLE, ACT scores, graduation rates, RSA, School Report Card, etc.

The principal will evaluate the librarian with the TLE evaluation form. The students reading scores, report cards and teacher evaluations will determine the effectiveness of the student's success.

\*\* You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.

May 10, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Jamie Grammar, have been accepted into the master's program at NSU for Library Media and Info Tech for the Fall 2023 term. I am meeting with my advisor soon and will enroll in classes for the 2023 Fall term. The program is two years. My plan is to complete the program in two years and pass the required test.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Grammar', with a small '\*\*\*' mark above it.

Jamie Grammar





# NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate College

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Student ID: N00096576

Date: 05/03/2023

Dear Jamie,

Welcome to NSU Graduate College!

Congratulations! You have been accepted into the Library Media and Info Tech, MS for the Fall 2023 Graduate Term. I am Kelli Carney, and I will be your graduate program advisor. You will find my contact email below. Please read the following carefully as it contains important program admission information.

We believe that a stimulating, intellectual discussion between students and faculty is a necessary ingredient of a successful graduate program. We have admitted you because we think that you will be able to make an important contribution to this research dialogue. In turn, we hope that the personal supervision we offer, together with the collegial atmosphere of our graduate students, will combine to make your stay here very rewarding - personally, academically, and professionally. All faculty and staff, as well as your fellow graduate students in the program, welcome you to graduate studies at NSU!

## PROGRAM ADVISING

All graduate students should meet with the assigned advisor prior to enrolling each semester. Please contact your advisor for specific details and requirements.

**Please note the Following:**

## ORIENTATION VIDEO FOR THE NSU GRADUATE COLLEGE

The Graduate College has created an online orientation for all new graduate students, regardless of the selected program. This orientation covers information about the NSU graduate college and what to expect as a new graduate student. Please use this link: [b.tl.Qs.J/www.go2orientation\\_mm/o.s.u.Qk](https://b.tl.Qs.J/www.go2orientation_mm/o.s.u.Qk). Simply create your user profile and follow the prompts. The session is designed as a "come and go" so feel free to complete it as your schedule allows!

It is recommended that you complete the graduate college orientation (linked within the NSU Graduate College homepage), meet with your advisor often, and make sure your spam filter is set to receive emails from Northeastern State University. If you need assistance, please contact your advisor or the Graduate College at 918-444-2093 (TO) or 918-449-6123 (BA).

## ACTIVATING YOUR NSU STUDENT ACCOUNT

After viewing the orientation video, activate your NSU student account. Visit the [Next.SJB.p.s...tah](#) on the Graduate



## **CAMERON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**P.O. BOX 190**

**CAMERON, OK 74932**

**PH. 918-654-3225 FAX 918-654-7387**



**ADMINISTRATION: JOHN LONG-SUPERINTENDENT • KENNETH WHITEHEAD-PRINCIPAL  
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ORBIE FITZER-CLERK • RICHARD JOHNSON-MEMBER • DESIREA HADLEY-MEMBER**

June 7, 2023

Oklahoma State Department of Education:

Cameron Public School has advertised for a school librarian for several months and has not received any applications for the position.

Cameron School does have a teacher that is currently working towards her Master's Degree as a Library Media Specialist and the school is asking for a Waiver/Deregulation for this teacher in order for the school to continue offering library services to its students.

If you have any questions please contact me at 918-839-7365.

Thank you for your time and consideration concerning this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Long".

John Long, Superintendent  
Cameron Public School

HOME OF THE YELLOWJACKETS

